Rehabilitation measures in Cyclone and Flood affected Areas

97. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment is being made by Government for the progress of rehabilitation measures in the super cyclone-affected Orissa and flood-affected West Bengal and Bihar;

(b) if so, the present position of the rehabilitation work and whether the same is being affected due to financial constraints; and

(c) if so, the additional financial assistance provided by Government to supplement the rehabilitation efforts, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The State Governments of West-Bengal and Orissa have informed that the assessment of the progress of rehabilitation measures is being made by them. The State Government of Bihar has not reported the position in this regard.

(b) and (c) The State of West-Bengal has informed that rehabilitation measures are being taken in the sectors of agriculture, animal resource development, irrigation and waterways schemes, public works department, Cottage and Small Scale Industries. The Government of Orissa has reported that restoration works have been undertaken for the construction of primary schools, high schools, repairs of roads, public buildings, housing, irrigation canal and floods/saline embankments, power supply, food for work programme, restoration of livelihood, dairy and fisheries and sectors under World Bank Projects.

For attending to the rehabilitation works due to the severity of the natural calamities, the States are required to mobilise their funds. The Central Government has provided/approved assistance from the

Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to these States as per details given below:

(Rs. in crore)

State	CRF released during (1999-2000)	(2000-2001)	NFCR # (1995—2000)	NCCF ' (2000—2005)
Orissa	42.50	82.10	828.15 #	35.00
West-Bengal	44.50	75.83	29.52	103.25
Bihar	33.79*	<>	NIL	29.67

*Only three quarterly instalments released. The fourth instalment amounting to Rs. 11.26 crores has been withheld pending confirmation from the State Government of Bihar that separate CRF has been constituted by them.

<>No releases have been made from CRF to Bihar so far during 2000-2001 pending confirmation from the State Government of Bihar that separate CRF has been constituted by them.

For floods and two cyclones including super-cyclone.

'On the basis of the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC), the NFCR has been discontinued after 31.3.2000 and NCCF has been constituted for 2000—2005.

Rice production

98. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rice produced in the country during the last three years/seasons, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the country has produced surplus rice during the last season and Government are finding it difficult to utilise the same;

(c) if so, the measures taken to make best use of the surplus rice for the consumers; and